

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 24, 2004 (BOS Mtg. 3/16/04)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Endorsement of Fair Housing Principles

On August 6, 1981, the York Board of Supervisors formally established a York Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Program. That action endorsed the protected classes set out in state laws, which at that time assured equal opportunities for all citizens regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex. On March 2, 1989, the General Assembly approved amendments to add the categories of elderliness, familial status or handicap.

Since the program's inception, it has been implemented by the Division of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization. It is designed to educate citizens and to promote voluntary compliance by the local housing industry with the practices and principles of equal housing opportunity. This York County program has won numerous awards from state and federal housing agencies. It has been customary for the Board to periodically reaffirm the endorsement annually in recognition of April's *National Fair Housing Month*.

Recommendation

It is my recommendation that Resolution R04-37 reaffirming the commitment of the York Board of Supervisors to the principles of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity be adopted.

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Attachments:

- Proposed Resolution R04-37
- Fair Housing – It's Your Right